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**Re: U.S. Serial No. 10/662,645 VARIABLE LENGTH DECODER FOR DECODING  
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Attorney Docket No. SONY-32DV2**

**ATTACHMENTS/COMMENTS: OFFICIAL  
Second Preliminary Amendment Transmittal (3 pages)  
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Serial No.:         10/662,645  
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Art Unit:            Unknown  
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Title:               **VARIABLE LENGTH DECODER FOR DECODING DIGITALLY  
                          ENCODED VIDEO SIGNALS**  
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Sir:

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Small Entity status is claimed.  
        X   Other than a Small Entity.
3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Extra	Present Rate	Fee	Present Rate	Fee
TOTAL	11	MINUS	20	= 0	x \$9	\$0	x \$18	\$0
INDEP.	2	MINUS	3	= 0	x \$42	\$0	x \$84	\$0
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X  No additional fee for claims is required.

4. Attached is a check in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

5. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

Complete (a) or (b) as applicable.

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
___ one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
___ two months	\$ 420.00	\$210.00
___ three months	\$ 950.00	\$475.00
___ four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00

\_\_\_ Attached is a check in the amount of \$\_\_\_ for the three month extension fee as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c).

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

\_\_\_ An extension for \_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid thereof of \$\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Extension fee due with this request \$\_\_\_.

OR

(b) XX Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

XX If any additional fee for claims or extension of time is required, charge Account No. 23-3000. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on pag 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on pag 8 of this paper.